Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—As far as it is consistent with the rules prescribed for the conduct of public instruction it is being done.

Wardha Scheme of Education.

283. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Wardha Scheme of Education has received the scrutiny and attention of the experts in the Government Educational Service;

(b) whether any report has been submitted as to the practicability of its application in any part of the State; if not, will a report be kindly called for ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) and (b) It is receiving the attention of the Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know who is examining that Scheme?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—A special committee appointed by the Cochin Teacher's Association is examining it and I am personally examining it myself. And after their report is available I am going to meet the representatives of the Teachers' Association to have a formal discussion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Are not the Government closely following the criticisms levelled against the scheme?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—They are following the criticisms too.

284. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention was drawn to "the Wardha Scheme" on Education; if so, whether they propose to introduce the same in our State as a trial?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. The scheme is being scrutinised in the light of our experience of the working of Government Industrial Schools for the last so many years. The scheme itself needs close examination before a final opinion can be pronounced on its intrinsic merits and its suitability for our conditions. No definite opinion can be expressed at this stage.

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